

SENATE BILL No. 133

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Children's mental health task force. Establishes the children's mental health services collaboration task force. Requires the task force to submit to the legislative council before July 1, 2005, a comprehensive plan for individuals with a mental illness who receive special educational services.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the Indiana commission on
3 mental health established by P.L.37-1998.

4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "director" refers to the director
5 of the department of education's division of special education.

6 (c) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the
7 secretary of family and social services established by IC 12-8-1-1.

8 (d) As used in this SECTION, "secretary" refers to the
9 secretary of the office appointed under IC 12-8-1-2.

10 (e) As used in this SECTION, "task force" refers to the
11 children's mental health services collaboration task force
12 established by this SECTION.

13 (f) The children's mental health services collaboration task force
14 is established.

15 (g) The task force consists of twelve (12) members appointed by
16 the secretary after consultation with the director. Task force
17 members may include representatives of the educational
18 community, a teachers' association, a school board association, a



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1 superintendents' association, a principals' association, a mental
 2 health association, mental health providers, division of mental
 3 health and addiction, health care providers, and parents of
 4 children with a mental illness who receive special educational
 5 services.

6 (h) The members of the task force serve at the pleasure of the
 7 secretary. The secretary shall fill any vacancy on the task force
 8 within forty-five (45) days.

9 (i) The secretary and the director are ex officio members of the
 10 task force and serve as co-chairpersons.

11 (j) The task force shall do the following:

12 (1) Prepare a written comprehensive plan for services, which
 13 are to be based primarily in the local school corporation, for
 14 individuals who receive or need childhood mental health
 15 services in Indiana, with an emphasis on collaboration among
 16 various public and private entities, blending funding,
 17 increasing services that are provided, and collaboration
 18 among the entities that are involved in providing the services
 19 and the families who receive the services. The plan must
 20 include the following:

21 (A) Data that specify how many children are receiving
 22 mental health services and the types of services the
 23 children need.

24 (B) The configuration of service options that will be needed
 25 in the future.

26 (C) A monitoring mechanism to determine the success and
 27 future needs under the plan.

28 (2) As requested by the co-chairpersons of the commission,
 29 present work progress updates of the task force at each
 30 commission meeting scheduled after July 31, 2003.

31 (3) Submit the plan described in subdivision (1) to the
 32 legislative council before July 1, 2005.

33 (k) The secretary shall provide staff support to the task force.

34 (l) Each member of the task force who is not a state employee is
 35 entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
 36 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
 37 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
 38 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
 39 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
 40 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
 41 agency.

42 (m) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is

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2 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
3 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
4 procedures established by the Indiana department of
5 administration and approved by the budget agency.

6 (n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members
7 appointed to the task force are required for the task force to take
8 action on any measure, including final reports.

9 (o) This SECTION expires December 31, 2005.

10 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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